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"Section 3. Be it further ordained, that any person who shall aid or instigate any other in committing any offense above described or shall in any way be instrumental or concerned in such offense shall, on conviction before the mayor, be fined not exceeding fifty dollars."

By order of the quarantine board of Mobile Bay.

W. H. SLEDGE, *President*.

[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General, United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Cerebro-spinal meningitis—Circular letter addressed to medical officers, acting assistant surgeons, and sanitary inspectors of the Marine-Hospital Service, and secretaries State boards of health.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16, 1899.

SIR: You are requested to report as soon as practicable—

1. Whether cerebro-spinal meningitis or spotted fever has appeared in your State since October 1, 1898, giving the localities.

2. The number of cases and deaths which have occurred to date of your report.

3. The result of any investigations which may have been made as to the etiology and pathology of the disease.

The information received from yourself and others will be published in the PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS, United States Marine-Hospital Service.

Respectfully, yours,

WALTER WYMAN,
Supervising Surgeon-General U. S. M. H. S.

Abstract of replies received.

ARKANSAS—*Newport*.—Cerebro-spinal meningitis has been prevalent in many localities of the State during the past sixty days. There have been a number of cases at Black Rock, Walnut Ridge, Bald Knob, Augusta, and Newport. No reliable information as to the number of cases and deaths can be given for any locality except Newport, but most of the cases are known to have been fatal. In Newport, during the past three weeks, there have been 12 cases, all of which have terminated fatally. No investigations as to the etiology and pathology of the disease are known to have been made.

CONNECTICUT—*New Haven*.—From October 1, 1898, to March 1, 1899, 20 fatal cases have been reported to the board of health by the town clerks, who are the registrars of their respective towns. Of these, 9 are certified as cerebro-spinal meningitis. The others are classified as meningitis, spinal meningitis, cerebral meningitis, or as secondary to some other disease.

DELAWARE—*Delaware Breakwater Quarantine*.—No cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis reported in this locality.

FLORIDA—*Monticello*.—One case was reported January 25, 1899. Every precautionary measure was adopted, and there has been no spread

of the disease. A few widely separated sporadic cases, mild in type, have been reported throughout the State during the past six months.

GEORGIA—*South Atlantic Quarantine Station*.—No cases of the disease in this locality.

ILLINOIS—*Cairo*.—During the winter of 1898-99, and up to date, 6 cases and 5 deaths have been reported. There have been no investigations as to the causes or pathology of the disease. There are no cases at present known to the health officer.

IOWA—*Des Moines*.—The only cases reported have been from Chariton, Lucas County. Of these, 1 was fatal. The disease has been unofficially reported as present at Dubuque. No investigation as to the etiology and pathology of the disease is known to have been made.

Dubuque.—One death reported since January 1, 1899.

MAINE—*Augusta*.—No information on the subject can be furnished, owing to the fact that no reports have been received by the State board of health.

MARYLAND—*Baltimore*.—(1) No cases have been reported here since October 1, 1898. Two cases occurred in Dorchester County in July, 1898, and 1 case in Howard County about a month later. (2) Unknown. (3) *Diplococcus intracellularis* has been demonstrated in 3 out of 5 cases examined by the health department of Baltimore.

Crisfield.—No cases known to exist.

Solomons.—No cases have appeared in this locality during the period named.

MASSACHUSETTS—*Boston*.—Since October 1, 1898, 18 cases have been reported with 22 deaths. No investigations as to the etiology and pathology of the disease are known to have been made.

MICHIGAN—*Lansing*.—Cerebro-spinal meningitis has been reported present in 22 localities in the State of Michigan, with 30 cases and 25 deaths. Of these cases the diagnosis was disputed in one, and doubtful in one.

Ludington.—One fatal case supervening on influenza.

Manistee.—A few cases reported.

MISSISSIPPI—*Jackson*.—Cases and deaths since October 1, 1898, numerous, but number not stated.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—*Concord*.—No death from cerebro-spinal meningitis reported in the State since October 1, 1898.

Portsmouth.—One fatal case of cerebro spinal meningitis has been reported in this city since October 1, 1898. This case was reported from Fort Constitution, New Castle, N. H. No other case has occurred and no special precautions have been taken.

NEW JERSEY—*Trenton*.—Since October 1, 1898, cases have been reported as follows: Camden County, 20; Gloucester County, 1.

• NORTH CAROLINA—*Raleigh*.—Four cases and 3 deaths were reported from Ashe County in December, 1898, and 1 case and 1 death from McDowell County in February, 1899.

Southport—Cape Fear Quarantine Station.—No cases have appeared in Southport.

PENNSYLVANIA—*Philadelphia.*—The only outbreak reported to the State board of health occurred in Philadelphia during the week ended March 4, 1899. Ten cases and 2 deaths were reported. During the week following there were 34 cases and 12 deaths, and during the third week 21 cases and 11 deaths. The local board of health considers the epidemic to be declining. No investigations as to the etiology and pathology of the disease have been instituted.

OHIO—*Ashtabula.*—No cases known to have existed in this locality since October 1, 1898.

VIRGINIA—*Fredericksburg.*—No cases have appeared in this locality since October 1, 1898.

WISCONSIN—*Milwaukee.*—Cerebro-spinal meningitis has been present in the State of Wisconsin in a sporadic form and no more deaths have occurred during the past year than usual. In the city of Milwaukee there were during the year 1898, 31 deaths from cerebro-spinal meningitis, and from October 1, 1898, to March 15, 1899, there were 10 deaths. The disease has prevailed in the State for a number of years but only in the sporadic form, and no epidemic has existed.

Smallpox in the United States.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington.—Health Officer Woodward reports, March 25, 2 new cases since the 20th—1 on the 24th and 1 on the 25th. Sixteen cases are still under treatment and 5 houses are in quarantine. March 29, 3 cases since the 25th; 1 house released from quarantine and 7 cases discharged, leaving 6 houses still in quarantine and 12 cases under treatment.

FLORIDA.

Jacksonville.—Acting Assistant Surgeon McGinnis reports, March 23, 12 cases of smallpox to date, no deaths, 8 cases in hospital, no case in persons previously vaccinated.

MARYLAND.

Baltimore.—Surgeon Purviance reports, March 25, 1 case of smallpox sent to local quarantine.

TENNESSEE.

Dyersburg.—Dr. Farrow reports, March 24, 3 cases of smallpox.

TEXAS.

Eagle Pass.—Acting Assistant Surgeon Hume reports, March 20, as follows:

During the past week, out of 1,000 persons examined on the trains and bridge, 4 were refused admission because of coming from districts infected with smallpox.